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Title: METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF DISEASES OR DISORDERS OF THE INNER EAR *Letter h*

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 10

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed September 10, 2002 (Paper No. 10), please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the amended claims and remarks that follow.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 30, 49-54 and 59-61, amend Claims 28, 29, 31-48, and 55-58, and add new Claim 62 as shown below:

B 28. (Amended) A process for the treatment of diseases or disorders of the inner ear that are linked with damage or destruction of the sensory cells of the inner ear, comprising the step of at least partly inhibiting or eliminating the action of at least one cell cycle inhibitor present in the inner ear using an active ingredient that promotes regeneration of the sensory cells of the inner ear.

29. (Amended) A method of treating diseases or disorders of the inner ear that are linked with damage or destruction of the sensory cells of the inner ear, comprising administering an active ingredient that inhibits or eliminates the action of a cell cycle inhibitor present in the inner ear.

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